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1. IN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "DIEGO GARCIA GAME" JUNE 20,
GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED "NEW STRAITS TIMES" (NST) SAID THAT
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DEFEAT OF SENATOR MANSFIELD'S MOTION TO DELAY DIEGO GARCIA

BASE EXPANSION "VIRTUALLY GIVES FORD ADMINISTRATION FREE HAND TO ESCALATE ARMS RACE IN INDIAN OCEAN." NST CONTINUED THAT DIEGO GARCIA DEVELOPMENT REFLECTS U.S. NEED TO REASSERT ITSELF AFTER INDOCHINA DEFEATS. EDITORIAL THEN SAID "MALAYSIA IS OPPOSED TO ANY FORM OF BIG POWER RIVALRY IN INDIAN OCEAN, A STAND CONSISTENT WITH THAT OF OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES." NST ARGUED THAT U.S. DIEGO GARCIA EXPANSION AND NAVAL ACTIVITY IN INDIAN OCEAN VIOLATE 1972 UN DECLARATION ON INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE (IOZP). FINALLY, EDITORIAL URGED THAT UN SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON IOZP BE RECONVENED TO "GALVANIZE WORLD OPINION AGAINST TURNING THE OCEAN INTO A TESTING GROUND FOR SUPERPOWER DERRING-DO." NST EDITORIAL CONTRASTS WITH SOFTER LINE TAKEN JUNE 16 BY DAILY PENANG "STAR" WHICH PERCEIVED NEED FOR U.S. PRESENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN TO BALANCE SOVIETS (REF A).

2. SENIOR FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS TOLD US JUNE 19 THAT INDIA AND SEVERAL OTHER (UNNAMED) LITTORAL COUNTRIES HAVE PROPOSED HOLDING SPECIAL SESSION OF UNGA ON IOZP TO MOBILIZE INTERNATIONAL OPINION AGAINST U.S. CONGRESSIONAL ACTION. GOM, THEY SAID, DOES NOT FAVOR CONVENING UNGA SPECIAL SESSION BUT WILL GO ALONG WITH FULL AIRING OF ISSUES IN MEETING OF UN SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON IOZP (SEE ALSO REF B). FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICERS ALSO INDICATED THAT BASIC GOM POSITION ON IOZP REMAINS UNCHANGED (REF C).
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